

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 – (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A reclosable fastener comprising first and second strips of fastener material which are engageable with and disengageable from each other, each strip comprising an elongate body portion which is shaped for releasable engagement with the body portion of the other strip and first and second longitudinal flanges, wherein a plane of separation is located adjacent to the elongate body portions, the first flanges being configured for attachment to film of a bag, the first flanges aligned with the elongated body portions and extending [[away]] substantially perpendicular from the plane of separation of the strips and the second flanges extending in the same direction substantially parallel to the plane of separation.

22. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which the first flanges are narrower than the second flanges.

23. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 22, in which the first flanges are at least one-half the width of the second flanges.

24. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which each first flange is from 2 mm to 10 mm in width.

25. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which each second flange is from 20 mm to 100 mm in width.

26. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 25, in which each second flange is from 20 mm to 70 mm in width.

27. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, fitted with at least one slider movable along the fastener to engage and disengage the fastener strips.

28. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which each fastener strips has a third longitudinal flange which extends in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of separation in a direction opposite to that in which the respective second flange extends.

29. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 28, in which each third flange is from 10 mm to 50 mm in width.

30. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 29, in which each third flange is from 10 mm to 30 mm in width.

31. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 28, in which the second and third flanges of each strip are substantially coplanar with each other.

32. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which the first flanges extend in planes substantially perpendicular to the plane of separation.

33. (currently amended) A reclosable fastener comprising first and second strips of fastener material which are engageable with and disengageable from each other, each strip comprising an elongate body portion which is shaped for releasable engagement with the body portion of the other strip, each strip having at least first, second and third longitudinal flanges, wherein a plane of separation is located adjacent to the body portions, the first flanges being configured for attachment to film of a bag, the first flanges aligned with the elongated body portions extending [[away]] substantially perpendicular from the plane of separation of the strips.

34. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 33, in which each first flange is from 2 mm to 10 mm in width.

35. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 33, in which each second flange is from 20 mm to 100 mm in width.

36. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 35, in which each second flange is from 20 mm to 70 mm in width.

37. (previously presented) A reclosable fastener according to claim 33, in which each third flange is from 10 mm to 50 mm in width.

38. (original) A reclosable fastener according to claim 37, in which each third flange is from 10 mm to 30 mm in width.

39. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 21, in which the second flanges of the strips are joined to each other and cut to form a spout portion.

40. (original) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 39, having a single spout portion.

41. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 39, from which pre-determined lengths may be severed.

42. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 39, in which the second flanges are joined along a line which extends from a first point adjacent one end of the body portions to a second point on the lateral edges of the second flanges lying closer to the opposite end of the body positions than the first end and are cut along respective lines extending from the second point back to the body portions.

43. (original) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 42, in which the lines along which the second flanges are cut extends substantially perpendicularly to the body portions.

44. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 42, in which the line along which the second flanges are joined is curved in the direction away from the body portions.

45. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 42, in which the portions of the second flanges lying to the side of the line along which they are joined distant from the body portions are removed.

46. (previously presented) A length of reclosable fastener according to claim 39, in which the portions of the second flanges lying to the side of the lines along which the flanges are cut opposite to the spout portion are removed.

47. (previously presented) A web of sheet material having a plurality of spaced openings therein, each opening having a length of fastener according to claim 21 located and secured to the sheet material by its first flanges to respective sides of the opening.

48. (original) A web according to claim 47, in which the openings are spaced along and aligned with a line extending longitudinally of the web.

49. (original) A web according to claim 48, which is in the form of a continuous rectangular strip and the line extends parallel to first and second opposite side edges of the strip.

50. (original) A web according to claim 49, in which the line is substantially mid-way between the side edges.

51. (previously presented) A web according to claim 48, which is rolled longitudinally.

Claims 52-83 – (canceled)